



Branching Out

February 5, 2010

The mission of Three Rivers Environmental Educators is to promote collaboration of resources and provide networking opportunities for environmental educators in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula areas of Virginia.

TREE meetings:

April 12, 11 to 1 at **Deltaville Maritime Museum.**

www.deltavilleva.com/museumpark/default.aspx

Local Events:

Belle Isle State Park, Thursday, February 11,

Invasive Plants and What Homeowners Can Do with Sandy Spencer 10-11 am

Native plants provide habitat, food, and shelter for birds and other animals. Several introduced plants have crowded out natives, and pose a threat to local animals. Learn how to spot invasives and what to do once you spot them.

Sandy Spencer is a wildlife biologist at the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Belle Isle State Park, Tuesday, February 16

Naked Tree Walk with Rich Steensma 10 am to noon

Participants will learn how to use branch patterns, bark texture, and other methods to identify trees. Winter provides a wonderful time to learn about trees as their true forms are more evident when they are “naked”, or without their leaves. The program will be outside, so please dress for the weather. Class will meet at the car top canoe launch area.

Rich Steensma has been a forester for over 14 years, with nine of those years serving Northumberland and Lancaster counties.

Other Events:

Sustainable Living Festival

February 27th & 28th, Waterside Marketplace, Norfolk

<http://www.greenalternativesstore.com/sulifa.html>

Green Alternatives and Five Points Community Farm Market are so very excited to bring you the first annual Sustainable Living Fair. The last weekend in February, Waterside will be bursting with planet-friendly workshops, eco-minded speakers, environmental films, loads of local green businesses, and more!

Free Tools and other Cool Stuff

Earth Expeditions Graduate Field Courses & Global Field Master's Program ~ Tuition Paid

Apply by: January 28, 2010

Miami University's Project Dragonfly, honored in 2008 with the NAAEE award for "Outstanding Service to Environmental Education" at the global level, is accepting applications for its 2010 Earth Expeditions graduate field courses and the Global Field Master's Program (GFP). The courses and the GFP combine summer field courses in Africa, Asia, and the Americas with Web learning communities and bring together graduate students, scientists, educators, and community leaders at critical conservation field sites worldwide for firsthand experience with inquiry-driven education, environmental stewardship, and global understanding.

Each accepted applicant is awarded a tuition scholarship covering 2010 field course tuition, equivalent to \$3,100 (Ohio residents) and \$7,100 (non-Ohio residents). This tuition reduction applies to all applicants, regardless of residency or nationality. Award recipients are responsible for travel and field costs.

Earth Expeditions courses and the GFP Master's may be completed part-time from anywhere in the US or abroad, and are open to educators and other professionals from all settings and disciplines.

<http://www.EarthExpeditions.org>

Interactive Species Poster

The National Marine Fisheries Service offers an interactive poster entitled Sustainability - It's in our Hands. The poster graphics show inter-relationships in marine ecosystems. Selecting any object on the poster depicts its identification and offers further information.

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/speciesid/Sustainability.html>

Virginia Naturally January/February newsletter is available.

Go to www.vanaturally.com and look in What's New to see the upcoming grant deadlines, resources and other environmental education news. Or, to go directly to the newsletter click on this link:

http://www.vanaturally.com/vanaturally/jan_febnews10.html

Great YouTube Vid - Spending Time Outdoors!

Sesame Street: Outdoors with Jason Mraz—very cute!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrqF7yD10Bo>

Tools with a Cost:

A Fish is a Fish

Don't miss out on this new activity, produced by Project FISH in partnership with Windsor Nature Discovery. *A Fish is a Fish* is an activity for all ages who are learning to identify fish and general characteristics of fish; to acquire, analyze, and apply information; to develop and use dichotomous keys; to identify fish families; and to use knowledge toward better fishing skills.

<http://www.projectfish.org/afishisafish.pdf>

Grants, Volunteers, and Funding:

Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program

The Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program provides support to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Grants support community improvement projects that include activities such as building, rebuilding, painting, or refurbishing; increasing energy efficiency or sustainability; landscaping or planting of native trees; community facility improvements; and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Grants of up to \$2,500 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials. The application deadlines for 2010 are March 1, July 1, and November 1. Visit the Home Depot website by clicking the link above to take the eligibility test and submit an online application.

Jobs

Conservation Specialist–Evergreen Soil & Water Conservation District

The Evergreen SWCD, located in Marion, VA, is seeking a full-time Conservation Specialist. Candidate should have knowledge of agricultural non-point source pollution issues. Background in farming, biology, environmental studies, or related field desired. Duties include recruiting participants for the Virginia Ag. BMP Cost-Share Program, preparing & evaluating cost-share applications, computer application and reporting to the VA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, giving technical assistance as needed, assisting in educational events and administering the seeder/lime spreader rental program. Candidate must possess knowledge of soil & water conservation, have ability to communicate effectively, have abilities to coordinate programs and interpret policies and procedures, ability to perform computer applications, have general knowledge of agricultural operations, and have knowledge of and ability to use survey equipment, interpret soil surveys, aerial photographs, and topographic maps. This position requires strong organization and communication skills. Candidate must be self-motivated. Health, dental, retirement and leave benefits will be provided. Candidate must have a valid VA driver's license, vehicle, liability insurance and a background check is required. Work will require use of employee's own vehicle. Work related mileage will be reimbursed.

An Associate's Degree in agriculture, environmental studies or related field is preferred or a combination of education and equivalent experience that provides the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the duties of the position.

Applicants must submit VA State Application for Employment - Form 10-012. Completed applications must be received by 3:00 PM on February 15, 2010, at the Evergreen SWCD office, 340 North Main Street, Suite 102 Marion VA. For information call (276) 783-7280, ext. 101. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Green Power Outreach Coordinators

3Degrees is partnering with Dominion on the Dominion Green PowerSM program, a voluntary Renewable Energy Certification (REC) program for Dominion's Virginia customers which allows customers to support renewable energy.

- **Northern Virginia Position:** Primary responsibility will be to design and deploy an effective community outreach effort to enroll new residential customers in the Dominion's Green Power program through community outreach tactics (other tactics will be handled by other positions). This is a 30 hour position including some weekend and evening hours. ([Full Description](#))
- **Richmond Virginia Position:** Primary responsibility will be to design and deploy an effective community outreach effort to enroll new residential and business customers in the Dominion Green Power program. In addition, you will dedicate a portion of your time to supporting our Richmond office in administering a comprehensive education and marketing plan to reach customers. This is a full time position including some weekend and evening hours. ([Full Description](#))

Education Specialist

Organization: Friends of the National Zoo (AZA Member)

Location: Washington, DC, United States

Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ), a nonprofit member organization dedicated to supporting the education, research, animal care, and sustainability mission of the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park, is looking for an enthusiastic hands-on Education Specialist to assist with development & implementation of National Zoo/FONZ educational programming. Plan and supervise children's classes and summer day camp. MA/MS/Ed preferred. Experience with early childhood education required. Strong office skills essential. Competitive salary, benefits, flex sched, metro access & free parking. Send salary req & resume to: FONZ, HR/ES PO Box 37012, MRC 5520, WDC, 20013, fax: 202-633-6659 or email fonzjobs@si.edu.

Executive Director - Local Energy Alliance Program

Location: Charlottesville, Virginia

LEAP is a community-based (Charlottesville and Albemarle County, VA) nonprofit whose mission is to help facilitate unprecedented utility (energy and water) savings by retrofitting buildings and installing renewable technologies in residential and commercial buildings. Based on an alliance

and membership model, LEAP will work directly with property owners as well as stakeholders in government, business, and other nonprofits to help create a sustainable energy future for our community. (Full job description) <http://vcnva.org/anx/index.cfm/1,290,1308,0,html/Executive-Director-Local-Energy-Alliance-Program>

Environmental Educator

Description: Primary responsibility for educating the public about wildlife and conservation issues with the goal of reducing human impacts on wildlife and the environment. Present environmental education programs for schools groups [principally elementary and middle-school students] as well as community organizations and other groups. Excellent public speaking skills and the ability to interact well with the public are a must for this position. Must be able to meet the physical demands of the position and be able to accommodate an often irregular work schedule. For a complete job description and qualifications, please see our website at www.wildlifecenter.org.

The position will begin in April 2010.

Job Type: Full Time permanent

Salary Detail: Commensurate with experience, within approved range

Deadline: 2-15-2010

Organization: Wildlife Center of Virginia

Location: Waynesboro VA

Contact Person: Gretchen Achenbach, Director of Environmental Education

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Earth Day 2010 Global Day of Conversation Manager - Earth Day Network

Company Name: Earth Day Network

Position Type: Full time

Description

Earth Day 2010 Campaign seeks a Manager for our Global Day of Conversation program to handle a range of outreach, partnership and operation duties to advance the mission of Earth Day Network's Earth Day 2010, the 40th Anniversary campaign. Global Day of Conversation (GDoC) is a keystone initiative of our Earth Day 2010 campaign. GDoC seeks to engage individual citizens, corporations, non-profits and locally-elected officials from 500 large urban centers across the world in a dynamic conversation about developing and implementing a clean-energy economy. The key focus of the program is to maximize sustainability in local communities and developing tangible steps to reach that objective.

This position is suited for someone who has a strong background in mobilization and outreach techniques on behalf of an issue advocacy organization. The primary focus of the work will be to research and execute partnership strategies, cultivate and monitor GDoC network of participants and to develop platforms for these conversations. Someone with ideas of tangible, implementable

steps for local communities to reach sustainable, clean-energy economies is strongly encouraged to apply.

Duties: Implement and expand the Earth Day 2010 Global Day of Conversation Program; Execute an outreach strategy to secure and cultivate relationships with locally-elected officials, preferably mayors, from 500 large urban centers for the Global Day of Conversation; Develop outlines of ideas on how to reach locally sustainable clean-energy economies that can serve as a catalyst to the ideas that will be developed through these conversations

Qualifications: 4-5 years background in high-level partnership outreach and coalition building; Experience and expertise on sustainability and the environment; Technologically experienced with online social media; Thrive in fast-paced work environment; Strong oral and written communication skills; Organizational skills and the ability to perform multiple tasks; Detail oriented; Ability to follow directions and adhere to deadlines; Ability to work long hours;

To Apply

Please send resume, cover letter, and writing sample (minimum two pages) to:

Earth Day Network

Attn: Director of Earth Day 2010

1616 P Street, NW, Suite 340

Washington, DC 20036

Or apply by email to: fitzgerald@earthday.net

National Wildlife Federation Action Fund Intern

Location: Washington DC

Position: Full time paid, 11 month position with benefits

National Wildlife Federation Action Fund seeks a full time paid intern to support growing legislative, political and development program. Intern will help provide support to the Executive Director, Associate Director, and Program Associate. Responsibilities will include candidate research, legislative coordinated campaign support (to pass the energy, climate and American job bill), logistical support and internal finance tracking. This position will support fundraising with data entry, donor research, execution of development mailings, financial tracking and portfolio/network management of staff. Ideal candidate will be a self-starter, organized and detail orientated individual that can assist a growing organization. Political campaign experience is required. Fundraising experiences and familiar with Raisers Edge or other software fundraising software ideal. If interested please send cover letter and resume to maleastenzel@nwa.org. No phone calls please.

Got news, job postings, events, or other information to share? Want to brag about awards? Hear about something that would be of interest to members? Send them to charlene.talcott@dcr.virginia.gov

Please forward this to anyone that might be interested. Want to be included on the TREE mailings? Contact faye.andrashko@va.nacdnet.net